

“Rural” Exception Checklist

For the purposes of determining whether the removal “rural” exception can be claimed, *all* of the following conditions must be met:

Facility

- _____ Is the geographic area having jurisdiction over the juvenile outside a metropolitan statistical area, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget?
- _____ Has a determination been made that there is no existing acceptable alternative placement for the juvenile pursuant to criteria developed by the state and approved by OJJDP?
- _____ Has the facility been certified by the state to provide sight and sound separation of juveniles from adult inmates?
- _____ Has the state provided documentation that these conditions have been met and received prior approval from OJJDP?

Incident

- _____ Was the juvenile held an accused juvenile criminal-type offender held awaiting an initial court appearance?
 - _____ Was the accused juvenile criminal-type offender held more than 48 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays?
 - _____ Was the accused juvenile criminal-type offender held more than 48 hours, but not more than an additional 48 hours, because of conditions of distance to be traveled or lack of roads or ground transportation?
- or*
- _____ Was the accused juvenile criminal-type offender held more than 48 hours, but not more than an additional 24 hours after the time such conditions as adverse weather allow for reasonable safe travel?